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To: MAA Approved Family Planning Providers
TAKE CHARGE Providers
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Subject: New covered medications for sterilizations of TAKE CHARGE and Family Planning Only Clients

Effective for dates of service on and after March 1, 2005, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will cover certain preoperative antianxiety medications and postoperative pain medications for TAKE CHARGE and Family Planning Only clients who undergo a sterilization procedure. MAA will update the current *Family Planning Services and Family Planning Only Program*, *TAKE CHARGE*, *Physician-Related Services*, and *Prescription Drug Program* billing instructions to reflect these changes.

Which new medications are covered and what are the maximum quantities?

Effective for dates of service on and after March 1, 2005, MAA's coverage of antianxiety medications before a sterilization procedure and pain medications after a sterilization procedure for Family Planning Only and TAKE CHARGE clients is as follows:

Antianxiety Medication – Before Sterilization Procedure

| Medication | Maximum Number of Doses |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Diazepam | 2 |
| Alprazolam | 2 |

Pain Medication – After Sterilization Procedure

| Medication | Maximum Number of Doses |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Acetaminophen with Codeine #3 | 12 |
| Oxycodone HCl/Acetaminophen 5/500 | 12 |
| Hydrocodone Bit/Acetaminophen | 12 |
| Oxycodone HCl/ Acetaminophen | 12 |

How should the pharmacist bill these drugs through the Point-of-Sale system?

When billing for the covered preoperative antianxiety medications and postoperative pain medications for TAKE CHARGE or Family Planning Only clients:

Hard copy (paper) billers must enter “**Family planning sterilization medication**” in the *Justification/Comments* field on the Pharmacy Statement [DSHS 13-714].

Point-of-Sale billers must enter “**6**” in the *Claim Segment, Prior Authorization Type Code* field.



Reminder: Only a pharmacist can be reimbursed for these medications. In lieu of a prescription, a physician may administer these medications as free samples.

How can I get MAA’s provider issuances?

To view and download MAA’s numbered memoranda and billing instructions electronically, visit MAA’s website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (select the *Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda* link).

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